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SUBJ: DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL CONTRIBUTING TO WEBSTER'S INTRANSI-
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1. IN REVIEWING WITH ME YESTERDAY HIS RECENTLY CONCLUDED TALKS ON THE FUTURE CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF BREASAWAY ANGUILLA WITH PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY AT BRITISH FOREIGN COMMONWEALTH OFFICE MISS JOAN LESTER, PREMIER ROBERT BRADSHAW SAID THAT HE HAD FIRST BEEN APPROACHED ON DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL BY NEW PUERTO RICAN SEC. OF STATE VICTOR PONS AT JANUARY 4 INAUGURATION OF USVI GOVERNOR CYRIL KING. BRADSHAW SAID HE MADE CLEAR TO PR SEC. STATE THAT IN VIEW OF UNRESOLVED ANGUILLA DISPUTE DISCUSSION OF DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL WAS NOT APPROPRIATE.

2. ACCORDING TO BRADSHAW, "DOG ISLAND HAS SERVED TO MAKE WEBSTER EVEN MORE INTRANSIGENT" IN DEALING WITH HMG ON CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF ANGUILLA. BRADSHAW SAID THAT WEBSTER SEES DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL AS MEANS OF AVOIDING ACCORD ON ANGUILLA. BRADSHAW ALSO DISCLOSED THAT GOSK UNDERSTANDS THAT WEBSTER'S SUPPORT ON ANGUILLA MAY BE SLIPPING. HE SAID THAT WEBSTER AND ANGUILLA-BORN PROMINENT US CIT JERRY GUMBS, WHO PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY OWNS DOG ISLAND AND WOULD THUS HAVE MAJOR INTEREST IN ANY COMPENSA-
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TION, ARE AT LOGGERHEADS.

3. BRADSHAW SAID THAT IN ANY CASE, HMG COULD NOT DISPOSE OF DOG ISLAND WITHOUT HIS CONSENT AND IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE READILY FORTHCOMING.

4. COMMENT: BRADSHAW'S COMMENTS REINFORCE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT NO AGREEMENT FROM GOSK CAN BE EXPECTED FOR DOG ISLAND PROPOSAL UNTIL CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF ANGUILLA IS AMICABLY DECIDED UPON BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.
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